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#### WHAT IT COSTS.

A gentlement was walking in Regent's Park, in London, and he met a man whose only home was in the poorhouse. He had come out to take the air, and excited the gentleman's interested attention.

"Well, my friend," said the gentleman, into conversation, "it is a pity that a man like you should be aituated where you are. Now may I ask how old you are?"

The man said he was eighty years of age. "Had you any trade before you

became penniless?"

"Yes, I was a carpenter."

"Did you use intoxicating drink ?" "No, oh no, I only took my beer; never anything stronger; nothing but my beer."

"How much did you beer come to a day ?",

"Oh, a sixpence a day, I suppose." "For how long a time?"

"Well I suppose for sixty years." The gentleman had taken out his notebook, and he continued figuring with his pencil while he went on talking with the man.

"Now, let me tell you," said he, as he finished his calculations, "how much that beer cost you, my man. You can go over the figures yourself." And the gentleman demonstrated that the money, a sixpence a day for sixty years, expended in beer, would if it had been saved and placed at interest, have yielded him nearly eight hundred dollars a year, or an income of fifteen dollars a week for self-support.

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The Nature says: "A curious and little known experiment, showing the resistance of air in guns, is described by Prof. Daniel Colladon, of Geneva, in a recent letter to M. Melsens, (Bulletin Belg. Acad., No. 6.) He fully charged with compressed air the hollow iron breech of an air-gun, serving as a reservoir. Having screwed up the gun, he introduced a round lead ball, running freely, but nearly filling up the bore; then placing the gun vertical, he seized the upper end and pressed his thumb vigorously on the mouth. The gun was then 'fired' by an assistant, while the thumb remained in position, and the ball was heard to fall back in the bore. Thereupon after recharging the breech, and with the same ball he shot the latter at a pine board 0.4 inch thick, or a pane of grass, and it passed through. M. Colladon says the experiment is without danger if the operator is sure of the strength of his thumb, if the gun is more than 32 inches long, and if the ball is spherical and nearly fills the gun, in which it much act like a piston. The pressure of the thumb must cause an hermetic closure of the bore or the thumb may receive seriousi njury."

A mysterious serenade, apparently coming from the clouds, delighted as excited the people of Madison, Ca. a few nights since. Whence the mucic came is yet an unselved mistery, and the superstitious are greatly disturbed.

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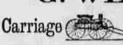
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